



Zimbabwe Players could be Blocked from Afghan Trip

KABUL - The Zimbabwean players slated to turn out in a T20 tournament in Afghanistan may be blocked from participating by their government over concerns about their safety. This comes after a bomb blast in Kabul killed over 80 people and raised fresh worry about security in the politically unstable middle-eastern nation. The Sports and Recreation

Commission in Zimbabwe will consider whether or not to approve the players request to travel to Afghanistan. SRC acting director-general Joseph Muchechetere said: "Normally, we approve trips on the blessing of the national association and also the international federation the national association is affiliated to." In this case, ordinarily we ...*(More on P4)...(18)*

Political Game on to Weaken Govt.: Helmand Activists

LASHKARGAH - Civil society activists in southern Helmand province on Friday said foreign intelligence agencies were fueling ethnic strife in Afghanistan and the nation should foil the conspiracy. Helmand civil society groups coordination office head Khudai Noor Khanzada told a press conference in Lashkargah, the provincial capital, that some people for their own benefits had become part of the plot to fuel ethnic tension in the country. "We are gathered here to

defend the system and voice our opposition to those trying to divide the Afghan tribes and weaken the government." Khanzada asked the government to prevent protests that created problems for the regime and common people. He alleged some people had erected protest tents in Kabul and other parts to serve the interest of Iran and Pakistan. Another activist, Matiullah Mati, said a handful of individuals had waged political games to weaken the government.*(Pajhwok)*

5 Militants Killed, 4 Arrested in Logar Raid

PUL-I-ALAM - Security forces on Thursday killed five insurgents and arrested four others during raids in various parts of the provincial capital of central Logar province, an official said. Salim Saleh, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News security forces conducted operations in Poorak, Haroonkhel and Dashti Bahar areas of Pul-i-Alam early in the morning. Three Kalashnikovs, three motorcycles, military uniforms, rocket and mortar

shells and other explosives were also seized, said Saleh. Security forces and civilians suffered no casualties. Faridoon, an inhabitant of Poork locality, said some mortar shells struck homes during clashes in the village, leaving three civilians wounded. He did not give information about Taliban casualties, but said security forces arrested some Taliban fighters. The Taliban have not yet commented over the raid. *(Pajhwok)*

22 Daesh, 3 Taliban Killed in Nangarhar Clashes, Airstrikes

JALALABAD - At least 22 Daesh and three Taliban militants have been killed in clashes and air raids in Pachirawgam and Kot districts of eastern Nangarhar province, officials said on Wednesday. Nangarhar governor's spokesman, Attaullah Khogyani, told Pajhwok Afghan News local residents clashed with Daesh fighters in cooperation with local security forces, killing 12 Daesh gunmen and wounding two others. Two uprising members were also killed in the clashes that took place in Pachirawgam's Sorai Kali, Jawdri, Saleh Baba Ziyarat and Wochi Lagdi villages. Khogyani said the Taliban and ...*(More on P4)...(19)*



Explosives Placed in Fuel Tanker Defused by Kabul Police

KABUL - The Afghan security forces thwarted a plot by the anti-government armed militant groups to carry out another major explosion in Kabul city. The Criminal Investigation Department of Kabul Police Commandment said the explosives were placed in a fuel tanker to carry out an explosion in the city. The source further added that the explosives were discovered and defused by the Explosives Ordnance Disposal team of the 101st Asmayee Zone before the militants manage to carry out an attack. The fuel tanker was parked in Dispatchery area located in the 9th police district of the city, the Criminal Investigation Department added. The anti-government armed militant groups have not commented regarding the report so far. This comes as capital Kabul witnessed a series of deadly attacks and violence last week, leaving more than 150 people dead and hundreds more wounded. The first incident in the city took place last Wednesday, the 31st of May, after a vehicle packed with explosives was detonated leaving nearly 100 people dead and over 400 others wounded. *(PK)*

UN Calls on Kiwi Govt. to Fully Investigate Afghan Raid

WASHINGTON - The United Nations Committee against Torture is asking the New Zealand Government to fully investigate the 2010 Afghan raid, as part of a list of issues to be responded to by 2019. Hit and Run, by investigative journalists Nicky Hager and Jon Stephenson, alleges six civilians were killed and 15 were injured in Operation Burnham. Further, they allege that, supported by US and Afghan forces, the Special Air Service (SAS) burned and



blew up about a dozen houses and failed to help the wounded. The United Nations Committee against Torture has released a list of questions for New Zealand to answer prior to an examination by the committee in Geneva. The date for the examination is likely to be in 2019. The question relating to the Afghan raid allegations says: "Please indicate what measures the State party has put in place to ensure that all ...*(More on P4)...(20)*

6 People Killed in Separate Incidents in Faryab

MAIMANA - At least five people including an uprising commander have been killed in Qurghan district while a man was gunned down in Bacheragh district of northwestern Faryab province, an official said Thursday. Local officials said five people were killed during a dinner party in Aimaq Khana area of Qurghan district around 9pm last night. An official who wished to go unnamed, said a public uprising commander, Chari Khan was along with his two fighters, a tribal elder, Haji Seddiq and one another person killed during a party hosted by one of their friends, Mastari Mohammad. The source said the guests were shot dead and the house owner, Mastari Mohammad escaped from the area along with weapons and three vehicles after the incident. On the other hand, police spokesman, Abdul Karim Yourish, said a 24 years young man was found dead in Balcheragh district of Faryab. He identified the slain person as Hedayatullah who was killed by unknown men with pistol and then thrown to a garden. Police handed over the body of the victim to his family, he said. The motive behind the incident yet to be cleared and the perpetrators managed to flee, Yourish said, adding police were investigating about the murder case. *(Pajhwok)*

\$5m Transformer Activated in Jalalabad City, Resolving 75% of Load Shedding

KABUL - The third electricity transformer was activated in Jalalabad city, the provincial capital of eastern Nangarhar province of Afghanistan, resolving up to 75 percent of load shedding which previously affected the city residents. Built with a cost of \$5 million, the third transformer was activated by the provincial governor Mohammad Gulab Mangal who said the activation of the transformer has paved the



way for the supply of an additional 40 mega watt of electricity which was previously 72 megawatts. Mangal further added that the activation of the third transformer by the ...*(More on P4)...(21)*

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



You don't normally like to slow down, but it feels natural today. The ambitious Capricorn Moon reflects your desire to reach your goal, even if it takes a long time. You're not concerned about the wait because you're currently in it for the long haul. Nevertheless, your words may flow easier than your actions and by midday your impatience could set in.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



You're determined to add a bit of adventure into your life. But you're not interested in getting lost in unrealistic fantasies now; you're ready to create an action plan and put it into motion. Take your time to build your ideas on a solid foundation. Deciding a destination and determining when you will set out is more important than filling in all the details today.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



You might not fit the light and breezy archetype of Gemini today. You may still engage in a bit of casual banter and flirtation, but you quickly grow bored of it. You want to put some meat on the bones of your conversations and could introduce sensitive subjects to the discussion just to stir the pot. However, the energy quickly escalates if an argument ensues. Thankfully, a conflict won't likely last if common ground can be found.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



Relationship dynamics are moved to the front burner today, especially if you and a friend or partner have unfinished business. Perhaps you are working together on a project at home and you agreed to take care of a specific task. If you have let your promises slide, you cannot avoid your commitments any longer.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



You're resigned to make changes in your weekend routine, especially if you've fallen into an unhealthy rut. Maybe you're thinking about including more exercise into your schedule. Or, perhaps you are considering a change to your diet in order to increase your vitality or lose weight. Your timing is in tune with the cosmos because the strategic Capricorn Moon is moving through your 6th House of Self-Improvement now.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



Although your heart is set on having fun today, your approach to recreational activities is quite serious. You're not interested in just letting events unfold organically. The calculating Capricorn Moon in your 5th House of Spontaneity doesn't want you to leave any variables to chance. You believe you can control all the possible ways in which your day might fall apart.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



Honoring your parents, acknowledging your ancestors and learning about your genetic lineage aren't things you do every day. Running errands and socializing with your friends must wait; connecting with your past can be especially enlightening today. The traditional Capricorn Moon is visiting your 4th House of Roots, reminding you of your origins.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



Nearly everything you do now appears to be part of a larger sequence of events. You realize nothing occurs in a vacuum, but you may not understand the full consequences of your current actions. You want to be completely aware of how a decision made today will affect you tomorrow, but you might need to fly by the seat of your pants for a while.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



Temporarily calling off all the noisy distractions enables you to draw your energy back into your center with a sigh of relief. This brief respite gives you a chance to clarify your goals and amplify your power today. Fortunately, your self-esteem rises when you place your feet on solid ground. Take a short vacation from worrying about the many variables you can't change now, while building inner strength is the one thing you can change.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



You're in your element today as practicality rules the roost, but you won't be able to stay in your earthy bubble forever. The Moon's return to your sign can be very empowering if you're willing to move beyond rational thought. Although you might prefer to resist the subjective realms, you can't escape them now as others confront you with their feelings.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

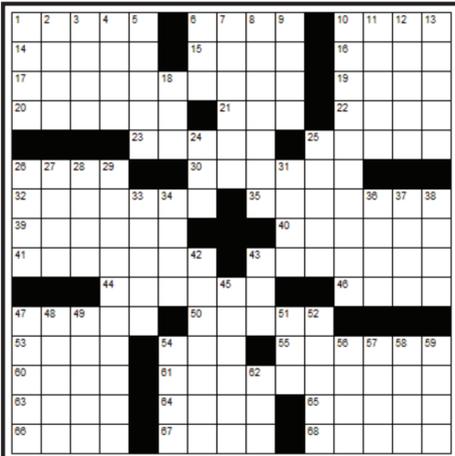


You may be receiving much-needed guidance from another dimension now, even if you don't believe in spirit communication. Call it your intuition if you must, but acknowledge the fact that you somehow know things today without being able to explain how. It's pointless to waste energy fighting against an invisible ally.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



You're happily willing to go along with the crowd today because you trust the judgement of your family and friends. You might have your preferences, but are eager to set them aside now for the sake of a good time. Undoubtedly, joining a party is more fun than staying at home. Sometimes a break from your regular routine is exactly what the doctor ordered.



Across

- 1. Champion, 6. Behold, in old Rome, 10. A flat circular plate, 14. Eagle's nest, 15. Alumnus, 16. Ancient Peruvian, 17. Composition board, 19. "Cut that out!", 20. Record protector, 21. Menagerie, 22. Brace, 23. Heron, 25. Flora and fauna, 26. Hawaiian strings, 30. Anagram of "Rioted", 32. Disquiet, 35. Delineate, 39. Indicate, 40. Clothing, 41. Introductory, 43. Insecticide, 44. Not the youngest, 46. Plate, 47. Hold responsible, 50. Sows, 53. Roman moon goddess, 54. And so forth, 55. Pass by, 60. Air force heroes, 61. Indestructibility, 63. Storage cylinder, 64. Mining finds, 65. Craze, 66. Biblical garden, 67. Anagram of "Meat", 68. SSSS,

Down

- 1. Hats, 2. Make well, 3. Backside, 4. Small amount, . Annoy, 6. Conceit, 7. Maniacal, 8. Neck artery, 9. Cocoyam, 10. Demoralized, 11. Foreword, 12. Dash, 13. 10th Greek letter, 18. Implore, 24. Confederate soldier, 25. Fasteners, 26. Style of hairdo, 27. Retain, 28. Sea eagle, 29. He works with rocks, 31. Rip, 33. Practical, 34. Cleave, 36. Short skirt, 37. Colored part of an eye, 38. Engineering school, 42. Motion of hands, 43. Consumed food, 45. Hush-hush, 47. Nonchalantly unconcerned, 48. Clear, 49. Anoint (archaic), 51. Cotillion girl, 52. Ooze, 54. Biblical kingdom, 56. "Oh my!", 57. Skittles, 58. Anagram of "Ties", 59. Nestling hawk, 62. An Old Testament king,

Yesterday's Solution



abash, agenda, agitate, anthem, bets, bore, botherconceal, cool, declaim, detach, dismay, dissent, does, duties, dysphoria, fluster, gloomy, grass, hearing, hems, hidden, killer, lecture, lessen, lots, pause, racists, roar saloon strife, succession

